

departed from Plymouth, upon his intended voyage for the parts of Africa and America; being accompanied with five other sail of shlp<sub>s</sub> as, namely.

The *Minion*<sub>s</sub> wherein went for Captain, Master JOHN HAMPTON ; and JOHN GARRET, Master.

The *William and John*, wherein was Captain, THOMAS BOLTON ; and JAMES RAUNCE, Master.

The *Judith*, in whom was [subsequently] Captain, Master FRANCIS DRAKE, now Knight: and

The *Angel*, whose Master, as also the Captain and Master of the *Swallow*^ I now remember not.

And so sailing in company together, upon our voyage until the 6th of the same month, an extreme storm then took us near unto Cape Finisterre ; which [enjdured for the space of four days, and so separated our ships that we had lost one another: and the General, finding the *Jesus* to be in an ill case, was in mind to give over the voyage, and to return home. Howbeit the nth of the same month, the seas waxing calm, and the wind coming fair; he altered his purpose, and held on the former intended voyage.

And so coming to the island of Gomera, being one of the Islands of the Canaries, where, according to an order before appointed, we met with all our ships which were before dispersed ; we then took in fresh water, and departed from thence the 4th of November; and holding on our course, upon the i8th of the same month, we came to an anchor upon the coast of Africa^ at Cape de Verde, in twelve fathom [s of] water.

Here our General landed certain of our men, to the number of 160 or thereabouts; seeking to take some Negroes. And they going up into the country, for the space of six miles, were encountered with a great number of Negroes ; who with their envenomed arrows did hurt a great number of our men, so that they were enforced to retire to the ships: in which conflict, they recovered but a few Negroes. Of these our men, which were hurt with their envenomed arrows, there died to the number of seven or eight, in a very strange manner, with their mouths shut; so that we were forced to put sticks and other things into their mouths, to keep them open.